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Fire Managers Open More Trails in the Kaweah-Kern Complex

The Northern Rockies 2 Fire Use Management Team re-opened numerous trails in the Kaweah-Kern Complex today. “Fire crews have worked hard to rehabilitate public hiking trails on the West Kern and Giant Fires,” says Wayne Cook, Incident Commander. “While some trails have re-opened, we remind visitors that other trails are still closed to provide for their safety.” Hazard trees continue to fall within the fire perimeters, and there are still numerous hot spots.

Trails Now Open near the West Kern Fire

1. Within Sequoia National Park, the trail from the Kern Canyon Ranger Station west to Coyote Pass is now open. The Lower Kern Trail is open from the Kern Canyon Ranger Station north.
2. On the Inyo National Forest, the section of trail from the west fork of the Kern River to Little Whitney Meadow is now open. Other trail closures on the Inyo National Forest remain in effect.
3. On the Sequoia National Forest, Trail 32E05 is open from Lion Meadow to Coyote Lakes. Trail 32E06 is open (the Deep Creek Trail). Trail 33E01 **remains closed** from the Kern Canyon Ranger Station south to Willow Meadows.

Trails Now Open near the Giant Fire in Sequoia National Park

1. Alta Trail
2. Rimrock Trail between Hazelwood Nature Loop and Pinewood Picnic Area.

Fire Updates

Steady temperature and relative humidity levels, coupled with light winds have minimized activity in most of the fires within the local national parks and national forests. The weather pattern is expected to remain the same for several more days. The following is a summary of the noteworthy fire activity:

- **Paradise 2 Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – Firefighters continue to suppress this wildland fire. Today, crews are building fireline on the east and west sides of the fire. Helicopters are supporting this effort by dropping water. The fire has affected 318 acres.
- **West Kern Fire (Sequoia National Park, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests)** – The main activity of this wildland fire use project continues on the Inyo National Forest. Monitors continue to assess fire weather and behavior in this area. Total estimated size is 6942 acres of

which 3404 acres are within Sequoia National Park, 2459 acres are on the Sequoia National Forest and 1079 acres on the Inyo National Forest.

- **Giant Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – This fire is still creeping and smoldering in surface vegetation near Crescent Meadow. Several fire use monitors continue to watch over this wildland fire use project. The estimated size of the Giant fire remains at 275 acres. Several trails remain closed for the safety of the public: the Huckleberry Trail from the junction of Alta Trail to Crescent Meadow, the Trail of the Sequoias between the Congress Loop and Log Meadow, and the section of trail between the Alta Trail and Crescent Meadow.
- The remaining wildland fire use projects within the park showed little or no activity.

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